

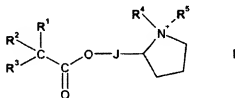
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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula I



in salt or zwitterionic form wherein

R¹ and R³ are each independently a C₃-C₁₅-carbocyclic group or a 5- to 12-membered heterocyclic group having at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur;

R² is hydroxy;

J is C₁-C₂-alkylene;

R⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R⁵ is C₁-alkyl substituted by -CO-R⁶, or -CO-NH-R⁶,

or R⁵ is C₂-C₁₀-alkyl substituted by -O-R⁶, -O-CO-R⁶, or -R⁸,

or R⁵ is C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl or C₂-C₁₀-alkynyl optionally substituted by -R⁸;

R⁶ is a C₃-C₁₅-carbocyclic group,

or R⁶ is C₁-C₁₀-alkyl optionally substituted by C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy, -O-R⁸ or a C₃-C₁₅-carbocyclic group; and

R⁸ is a C₃-C₁₅-carbocyclic group.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim ²~~3~~ (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim ¹~~3~~, wherein

R¹ and R³ are each independently a C₃-C₁₀-carbocyclic group, preferably phenyl, or a 5- to 9-membered heterocyclic group having at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, preferably thienyl;

R² is hydroxy;

J is C₁-C₂-alkylene;

R⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R⁵ is C₁-alkyl substituted by -CO-R⁶ or -CO-NH-R⁶,

or R⁵ is C₂-C₅-alkyl substituted by -O-R⁶, -O-CO-R⁶ or -R⁸,

or R⁵ is C₂-C₄-alkenyl or C₂-C₈-alkynyl optionally substituted by -R⁸;

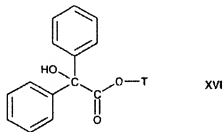
R⁶ is a C₃-C₁₀-carbocyclic group, preferably phenyl,

or R⁶ is C₁-C₁₅-alkyl optionally substituted by C₁-C₄-alkoxy, O-R⁸ or a C₃-C₁₀-carbocyclic group; and

R⁸ is a C₃-C₁₀-carbocyclic group, preferably phenyl;

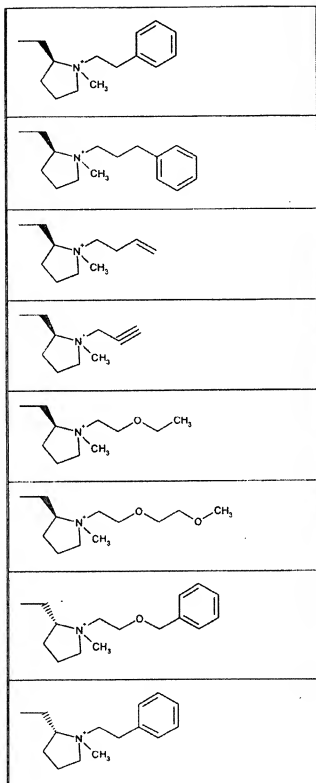
Claims 4-7. (Canceled)

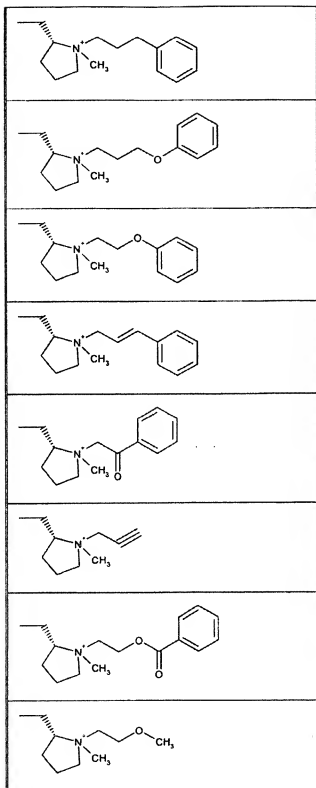
Claim³ 8. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 1, which is also a compound of formula XVI

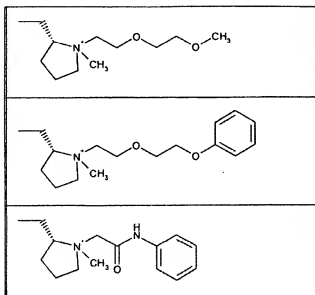


where T is as shown in the following table:

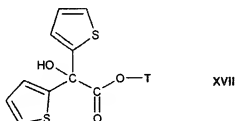
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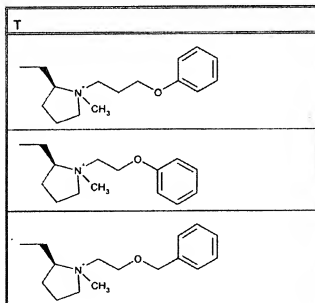


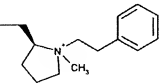
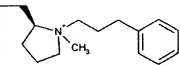
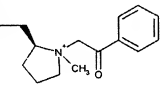
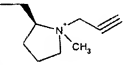
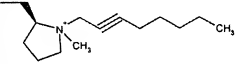
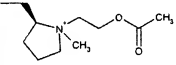
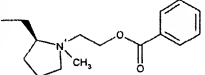
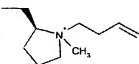
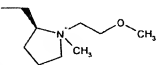
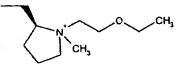


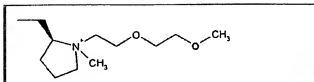
Claim 9⁴ (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 1, which is also a compound of formula XVII



where T is as shown in the following table:





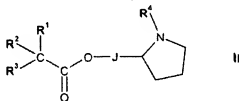
Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 1⁵. (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising as active ingredient a compound according to claim 1.

Claims 12-15. (Canceled)

Claim 16⁶. (Previously Presented): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1 which comprises:

(i) (A) reacting a compound of formula II

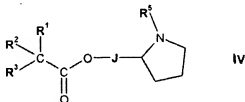


or a protected form thereof where R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and J, are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula III



where R^5 is as defined in claim 1 and X is chloro, bromo or iodo;

(B) reacting a compound of formula IV



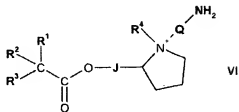
or a protected form thereof where R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^5 , and J are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula V



where R^4 is as defined in claim 1 and X is chloro, bromo or iodo; and

(ii) recovering the product in salt or zwitterionic form.

Claim ~~17~~⁸. (Previously Presented): A compound of formula VI



in salt or zwitterionic form wherein

R¹ and R³ are each independently a C₃-C₁₅-carbocyclic group or a 5- to 12-membered heterocyclic group having at least one ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur;

R² is hydroxy;

J is C₁-C₂-alkylene;

R⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkyl; and

Q is C₁-C₁₀-alkylene.

Claim ~~18~~⁹. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim ~~17~~⁵ wherein the compound is a single enantiomer.

Claims 19-20. (Canceled)

Claim ~~21~~⁷. (Withdrawn-- Original): A method of treating an inflammatory or obstructive airways disease in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 22. (Canceled)